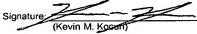
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## AMENDMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 24, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.